OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

cc: L. Feld
R. Linn
sent 3-19

TO: Ray Monti, Guy Tozzoli
FROM: Peter Goldmark
DATE: March 18, 1981
CC: H. Sherman, C. Wahlberg, D. Vasquez

I'm extremely concerned that we take every precaution as we do the sprinklering to make sure that the first 20 floors in 2 WTC are opened up in a way that is totally safe from the point of view of asbestos. As you may know, several buildings including, I understand, the Federal GSA building in downtown New York did not take such procedures and had terrible consequences and a difficult time as a result. I have asked a friend of mine who knows some experts in this field to send me their names so that we can consult them; Tony Smith, who handled the asbestos problem for the New York City Board of Education, is eager and willing to meet with Ray and his people to go over his experience. It was Tony who called this problem to my attention. I am absolutely insistent that we do everything to be absolutely safe and make sure we do not get any asbestos circulating throughout the building as a result of opening up for sprinklering.